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THE OMEN™

#4 (of 5) Hexagram #38: Contradiction (Opposition)



Gallows: Spy. Assassin. Werewolf. Visionary. Gallows has seen the future and knows our only hope to survive the coming Armageddon is a group of supernaturally talented but challenged teens. Which one is The Chosen?



Voodoo Childe: Orphan. Mystic. A sensuous Earth child who escaped the confines of an uncaring institutional system, she calls herself Vanessa Childe and searches for the truth.



Vex: Beautiful. Deadly. Unstable. The spurned daughter of Chaos! Lord Genocide, is she friend or foe? Is she the Chosen, or the key to something far more sinister?



Rip: Juvenile delinquent. Rebel. Danny McCarty was a typically misunderstood teenager. Now he has discovered he transforms into Rip, the elemental incarnation of anger-fuelled energy, he's learning to cope and kick ass.



Oblivia: Gang banger. Street child. Rosa Martinez was queen DJ of the barrio rave scene before a vampire changed her. Stubborn, tenacious, and anti-social, Oblivia is a blood drinking wild card in Gallow's plan.



Carcass: Rehab survivor. Dead man. His name's Rashad, and before he died he turned his life around. Brought back from the dead by Dr. Price as Crippler, now he carves out his own path as he searches for truth and peace.

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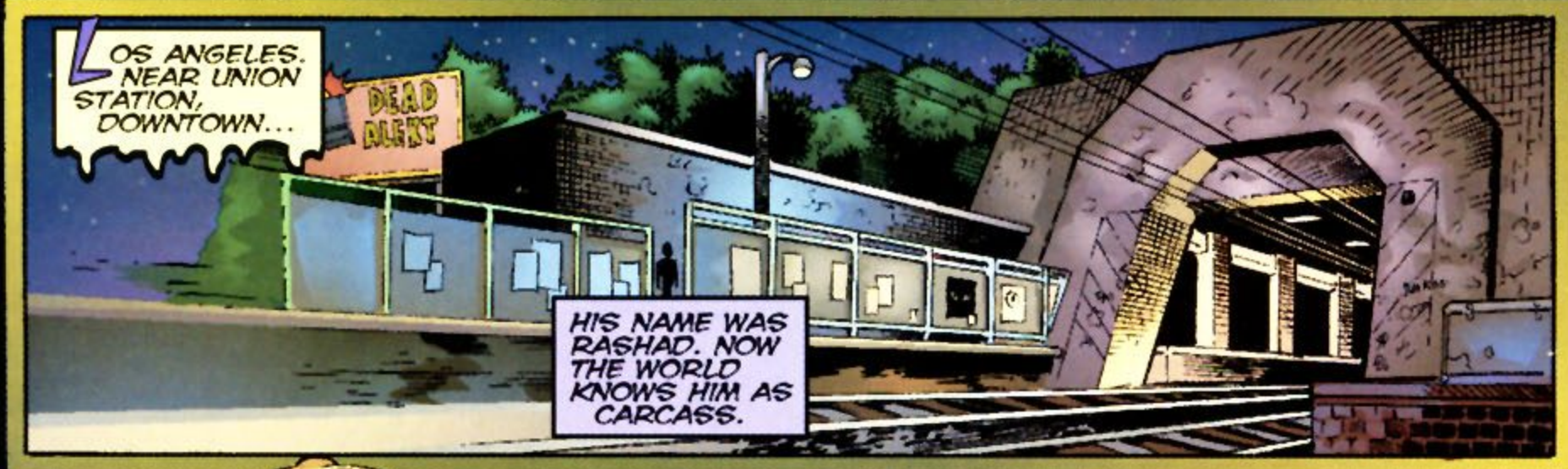
Story So Far

Werewolf Morgan Gallows has experienced an apocalyptic dream, a vision of Armageddon. Playing a key role in that omen are five troubled supernatural teens: Oblivia, Rip, Carcass, Voodoo Childe, and the amnesiac demi-goddess, Vex. One of them holds the key to mankind's survival, but the mysterious villain known as The Saviour has other plans for The Chosen. Having barely survived an attack by the Savior's disciples, Gallows is badly wounded and the group splintered. With Voodoo Childe and Vex imprisoned in his mansion fortress, Saviour is about to launch a second attack on his former mentor. Gallows and Rip are about to face the deadly brother and sister team of Slaughterhouse and Serendipity!



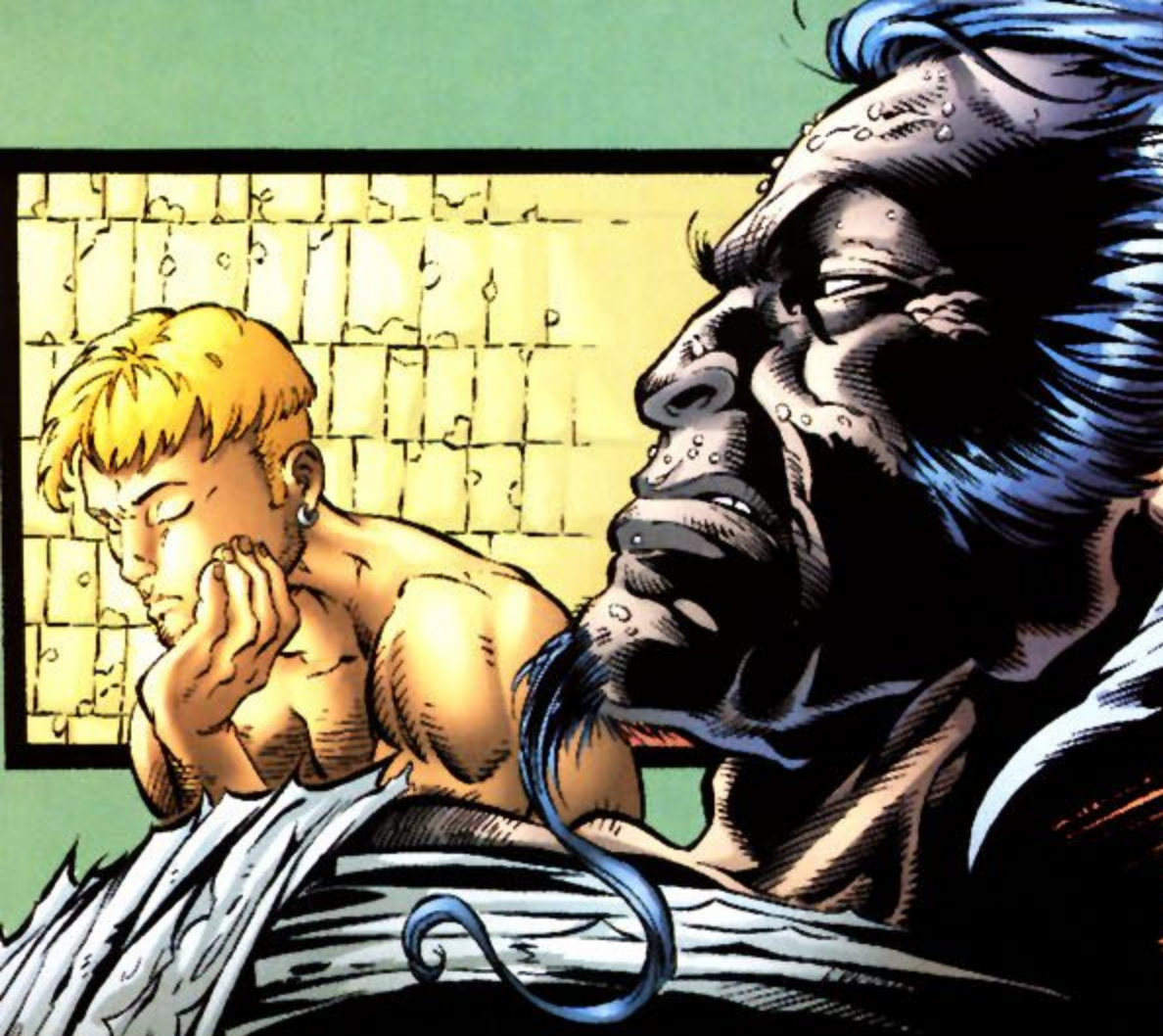
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From the journal of Morgan Gallows: "I would have died if it wasn't for Danny. The tremendous heat his body generates cauterized the wounds and burned out any trace of silver."

"Yes, the folk tales are true. How do you kill a werewolf? Silver bullets, like the legends and Hollywood would have us believe. I've never understood what it is about silver -- but it works."

"But there was one thing I understood -- just how much danger I had placed the kids in."

"We hadn't even been together a day, and already the forces of darkness were moving against us."

"Oblivia worries me. Too headstrong, cocky. Will she be able to control her anger, her antisocial nature and work with the others?"



"THERE'S BOTTLE BLOOD IN DA 'FRIDGE" -- MAN! THIS TOO CIVILIZED FOR ME. I DON'T DIG KILLIN', BUT THE DRINKIN'S MORE SATISFYIN'!"



"Rashad -- the one who calls himself Carcass -- he appears to carry a great deal of moral weight. Perhaps he can be a grounding influence on the others."

"Voodoo Childe is thoughtful. Her skepticism doesn't worry me. Why should she trust me? But she knows the city streets resonate with a song of evil. She knows, deep down, that what I've seen, what I've told them, is true."

"But what about the mystery girl -- Vex? Where does she fit into all this? Is she 'The Chosen?'" I pray we can get to her before HE does, but I'm afraid we may already be too late."

"He's made his first move. We must prepare for a second attack. I know he won't wait -- I taught him to hit hard and fast. We were lucky this time. Blind luck saved me."



DEAD?!
ALL OF
THEM?

YOU
BLOODY
FOOL!

GALLONS
SHOULD BE
DEAD BY
NOW.

DID
YOU SEE IT
WITH YOUR
OWN EYES?!
DID YOU BRING
ME HIS
HEAD?

NO.

BUT I
BROUGHT
YOU THE OTHER
GIRL -- THE
VOODOO
WOMAN.

I
SHOULD BE
THANKFUL
FOR SMALL
MERCIES.

TAKE
ME TO
HER.

YES, MY
SAVIOR.

"I trained him well. I taught him to strike when you least expect it."

DOUBLE
THE GUARDS.
HE'LL STRIKE BACK.
HE'LL EXPECT US
TO GO AFTER THEM
AGAIN -- BUT WE'LL
WAIT, AND HE'LL
COME TO US.

THEN I
SHALL KILL
HIM MY-
SELF.

YES, MY
LORD.



SMACK

Mmmff!

AAEEH!!

COLORADO.

"But I wonder what role my old friends, the ruling council of Equinox, have in all this?"

HAVE WE DONE THE RIGHT THING? COULD SHE HAVE BEEN MISTAKEN?

HOW CAN YOU EVEN CONCEIVE OF SUCH A QUESTION? SAINT JOAN WAS NEVER WRONG -- HER VISIONARY TALENTS WERE UNSURPASSED.

GALLOWS WOULD NEVER CO-OPERATE WITH US -- ESPECIALLY IF HE LEARNED THE TRUTH.

DO YOU THINK HE SUSPECTS, DE CHARDIN?

NO. NOT ABOUT HER. BUT I'M CERTAIN IT WON'T TAKE HIM LONG TO DEDUCE THAT WE BETRAYED HIM.

OF ALL THE DISCIPLES, YOU ARE THE LAST ONE I WOULD EXPECT TO FAIL ME, PETER.

I WILL NOT TOLERATE FAILURE -- UNDERSTAND?!

I SHOULD KILL YOU BUT WE HAVE LOST TOO MANY TODAY.

NOW TAKE ME TO THE GIRL.

"Arrogant old buzzards, tampering with evolution, meddling with human destiny."



BUT WHAT OF THIS GIRL JOAN SAW, THE OFFSPRING OF CHAOS -- WHERE DOES SHE FIT INTO ALL THIS?

I SUSPECT SHE WILL BE A CATALYST. HOPEFULLY, THE SAVIOR WILL HARNESS HER POWERS.

GALLOWS MAY BE HEAD-STRONG, BUT I FIND IT DIFFICULT TO CONSCIENCE SUPPORTING A MADMAN.

WILLIAM, OLD FRIEND, YOU UNDERSTAND THAT IF LIFE AS WE KNOW IT IS GOING TO SURVIVE THE COMING DARKNESS, THEN OUR HOPE LIES WITH THE PRETERNATURALS.

OUR TIME IS ALMOST HERE. THOSE OF US WHO ARE HOMO LONGEVITUS MUST LEAD THE PRETERNATURALS. ONLY THEY ARE STRONG ENOUGH TO SURVIVE.

THEY ARE THE FUTURE.

THIS IS OUR DESTINY.

WE ARE NOT IMMORTAL, TIELHARD.

GALILEO IS THE ELDEST AND HIS HEALTH IS DETERIORATING.

AND JOAN -- WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT SHE'D BE STRUCK DOWN BY AN EMBOLISM?

I KNOW. HER DEATH TROUBLES ME DEEPLY.

AND I CAN UNDERSTAND YOUR DOUBT. IT IS NOT EASY TO LEARN ALL YOU BELIEVED WAS WRONG, PARTICULARLY IN RELATION TO OUR SPIRITUAL BELIEFS.

ARE WE DOING THE RIGHT THING? THE SAVIOR ISN'T JUST MAD -- HE'S EVIL.



WHERE AM I? WHAT?!

NO! I'M NOT BACK IN THE ASYLUM! IT CAN'T BE!

YOU'RE MY GUEST, LITTLE SORCERESS.

WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?!

GET THIS THING OFFA ME!

ALL IN GOOD TIME.

I'M THE SAVIOR, PETER HERE YOU'VE ALREADY MET.

SO WHAT DO YOU CALL YOURSELF, MY DEAR?

VOODOO CHILDE -- NOW TAKE THIS THING OFF!

HOW JIMI HENDRIX.

I'M SORRY. IT WAS FOR YOUR OWN GOOD. YOU HAD A FIT, BECAME VIOLENT. WE DIDN'T WANT YOU TO HURT YOURSELF.

FIT? WHAT FIT?! I DON'T --- Ahh!

SEE? YOU REMEMBER NOW, DON'T YOU? YOU HAD A SEIZURE AT THE SHELTER.

I... I FAINTED... I COULDN'T BREATHE ---

HE DID IT! HE DOESN'T HAVE AN AURA!

OF COURSE NOT, SWEET CHILD. HE'S ONE OF THE DEAD ONES.

MY, YOUR POWERS ARE STRONG. I UNDERSTAND YOU CHANNEL THE SPIRITS, TOO.

YOU'RE ONE OF US. YOU BELONG HERE.

NOW LET ME TAKE OFF THAT UNCOMFORTABLE JACKET FOR YOU.

PLEASE...

TRY TO REMEMBER. WHAT HAPPENED?

HIS AURA IS BLUE -- FILLED WITH LIGHT AND LIFE. HOW CAN HE BE THE EVIL MADMAN GALLOWES PORTRAYED HIM AS?

CONFUSED... NOTHING MAKES SENSE...

ELSEWHERE IN THE SAVIOR'S MANSION, VEX CONVULSES AS REPPRESSED MEMORIES FIGHT TO ESCAPE HER SUB-CONSCIOUS...

NOO...

REMEMBER, CHILD -- IT IS YOUR DESTINY.

YOU ARE THE GATEWAY.

OPEN YOURSELF, LET LOOSE THE FORCES OF CHAOS!

MAKE YOURSELF COMFORTABLE. REST AWHILE. THEN WE'LL TALK FURTHER.

EXCUSE ME, MY LORD. THERE'S SOMETHING YOU NEED TO SEE.

MUST REMEMBER.

CONFUSED... LIES... HE'S NOT WHAT HE SAYS HE IS.

SUCH POWER!

YES, YES! COME TO ME!

SWOOSH

RRRUSSSS

ELSEWHERE IN THE MANSION, THE PSYCHOMORPH KNOWN AS SERENDIPITY CONTINUES HER GAME WITH ED BLANCHARD.

WHAT DO YOU SEE?

GET
'EM OFF
ME!
KEEP
THEM
AWAY!

I CAN
MAKE YOU DO
ANYTHING --
INCLUDING SKIN
YOUR OWN
FACE.

BUT
THAT WOULDN'T
BE AS MUCH FUN
AS DOING IT MYSELF --
WHILE YOU'RE
CONSCIOUS, OF
COURSE.

SUCH
EVIL... NEVER
FELT SO
SCARED.

**DON'T
TOUCH ME,
YOU
WITCH.**

WHA --?

oufff!

GOTTA
GET OUT OF
THIS *MADHOUSE*
GOTTA *WARN*
GALLOWES.

YES!
-KOFF-
MMmm.

-HWAK!-
PRETTY DARK THINGS.

AAAGH!
PLAY-
THINGS...

YES! YES!
OOHH --
YEESSS!



GIVE ME POWER!
SHOW ME YOUR SECRETS!
MAKE ME ONE WITH YOU!

NO!
GIVE ME MORE!

NO! NO!
SHOW ME!

RRrrr,
UGF

WHO ARE YOU?
WHAT ARE YOU?

I AM VEX -- A DAUGHTER OF CHAOS!

YOUR POWER IS MAGNIFICENT.

YOU WANT WHAT I HAVE -- YOUR DESIRES ARE TRANSPARENT TO ME -- YOU CRAVE DESTRUCTION OF ORDER. ORDER IS ANATHEMA TO ME.

YES!
YES!
YOU'LL JOIN ME?

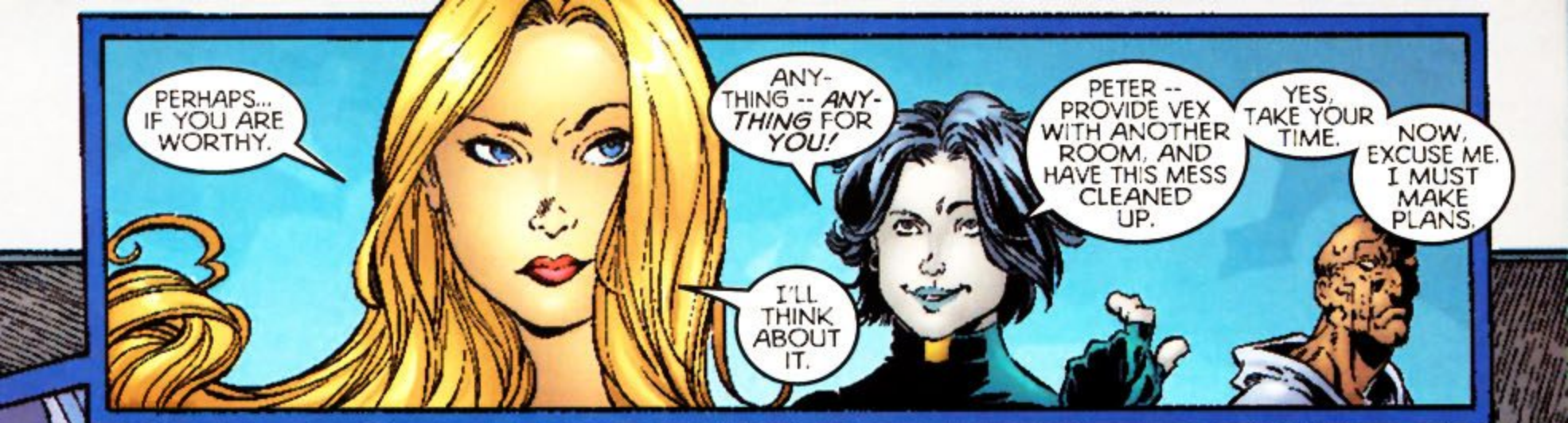
LIES!

I REMEMBER NOW... TRIED TO CLOUD MY MIND.

HE CALLS HIMSELF "SAVIOR" BUT HE'S REALLY A SERPENT.

GALLOWS WAS RIGHT.

I NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE. NEED GUIDANCE.



PERHAPS... IF YOU ARE WORTHY.

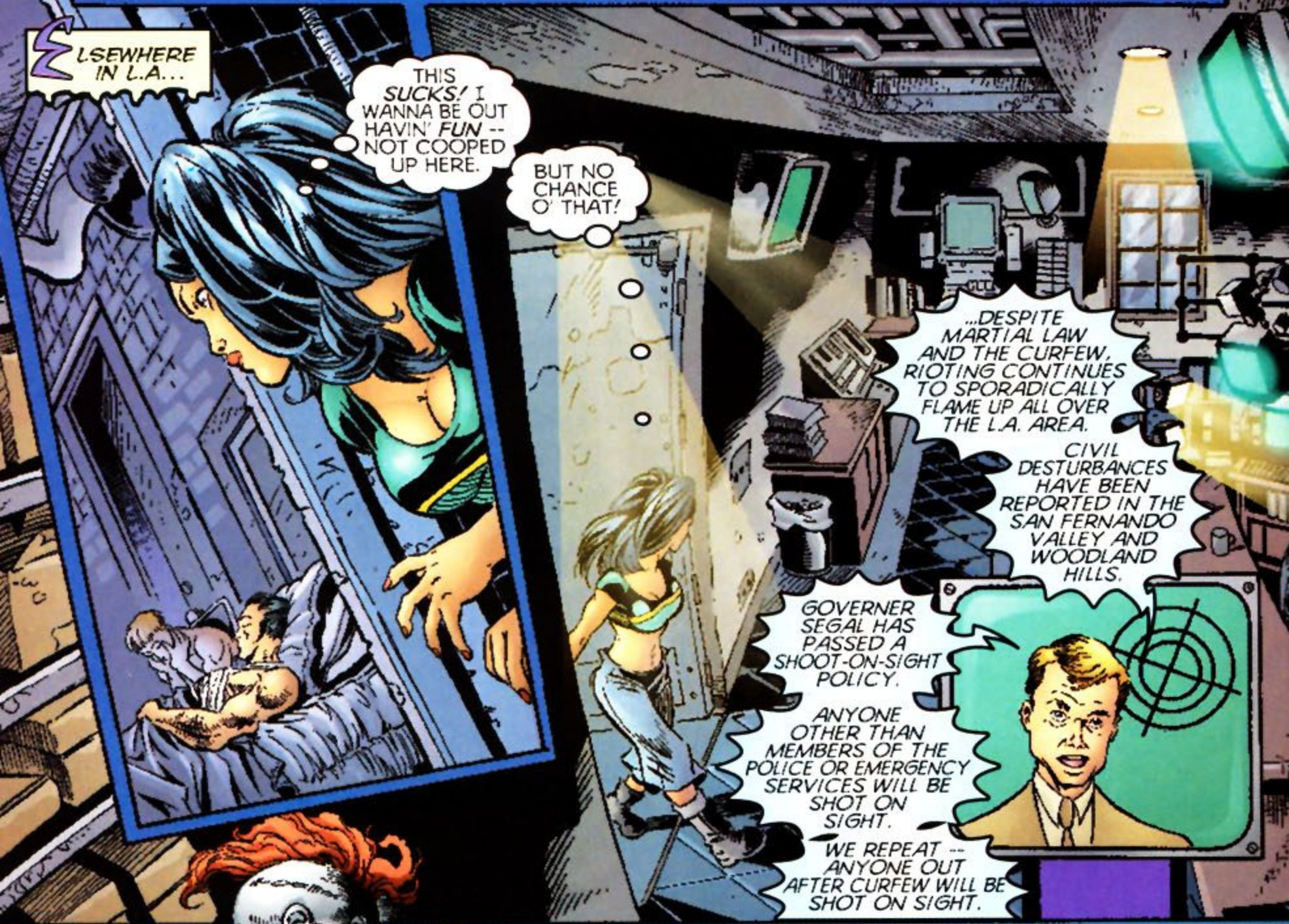
ANY-THING -- ANY-THING FOR YOU!

PETER -- PROVIDE VEX WITH ANOTHER ROOM, AND HAVE THIS MESS CLEANED UP.

YES, TAKE YOUR TIME.

NOW, EXCUSE ME. I MUST MAKE PLANS.

I'LL THINK ABOUT IT.



ELSEWHERE IN L.A...

THIS SUCKS! I WANNA BE OUT HAVIN' FUN -- NOT COOPED UP HERE.

BUT NO CHANCE O' THAT!

...DESPITE MARTIAL LAW AND THE CURFEW, RIOTING CONTINUES TO SPORADICALLY FLAME UP ALL OVER THE L.A. AREA.

CIVIL DISTURBANCES HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY AND WOODLAND HILLS.

GOVERNOR SEGAL HAS PASSED A SHOOT-ON-SIGHT POLICY.

ANYONE OTHER THAN MEMBERS OF THE POLICE OR EMERGENCY SERVICES WILL BE SHOT ON SIGHT.

WE REPEAT -- ANYONE OUT AFTER CURFEW WILL BE SHOT ON SIGHT.



BLANCHARD'S ESCAPED.

NOT MATTER. HE'LL RUN TO GALLOWS.

AND THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE GOING, MY LOVE -- TO CLEAR UP PETER'S MESS.

IF GALLOW'S IS STILL ALIVE -- KILL HIM.

YES, MY SAVIOR.

VEX IS NOW WITH US. IF SHE AGREES, WE'LL JOIN YOU.

GALLOW'S PUPPETS HAVE A CHOICE: JOIN US OR DIE.

IT ENDS TONIGHT.

THA WOLFMAN'S HAD SOME KINDA CRAZY LIFE. WHAT IS HE, LIKE, REALLY? MAN, I DON KNOW...

WHAT WAS HE, SOME HIPPIY ROCK DUDE, OR SOLDIER BOY?

OTHER GUY LOOKS KINDS CUTE...

WHO CARES? I'M BORED.

MAYBE HE GOT SOME GAMES ON THIS THING.

Oh, BABY! HE GOT FILES ON US!



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NAME:

JANE FOUNDLING/VANESSA CHILDERS/ "VOODOO CHILDE"

PSYCHIATRIC EVALUATION.
--REPORT BY DR. ELWYN BURKWOOD

01/15/98: DESPITE REPEATED ATTEMPTS TO PLACATE VANESSA, AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, TO BURST HER DELUSIONAL BUBBLE VIA SYMPATHETIC MEANS, PATIENT APPEARS TO BE RETREATING FURTHER INTO A PSYCHOSIS -- DRIVEN IMAGINARY WORLD. TO WIT:

VANESSA INSISTS HER GRANDMOTHER VISITS HER NIGHTLY, WARNING OF SOME COMING CATASTROPHIC EVENT WHICH WILL WIPE HUMANITY FROM THE FACE OF THE EARTH.

FURTHER TO THIS IS THE BELIEF SPIRITS -- OR "LOAS" AS SHE REFERS TO THEM-- FLOW THROUGH HER BODY, COMMUNICATING ON A NON-VERBAL LEVEL. VANESSA PERSISTS IN THE FICTION THESE SPIRITS CAN INFORM HER OF FUTURE HAPPENINGS.

SO THIS GIRL, SEE NOT JUST A PRETTY FACE -- SHE GOT POWER!

SO WHAT ELSE THE WOLFMAN, HAVE? WHAT'S HE GOT ON ME?



I NEED GUIDANCE. I'LL HAVE TO GO UNDER, INTO THE SPIRIT REALM...

GRANMERE -- 'TIS I, YOUR HOUGAN GRAN-DAUGHTER.

I NEED ADVICE. I NEED HELP, GRANMERE.

EVIL LOAS CONSPIRE AGAINST THE LIVING.

I AM IN DANGER.

COME SIT WIT' ME, MON CHERE.

LISTEN TO DE WORDS I SPEAK.

DE DANGERS YOU FACE ARE TEMPORARY.

FAR GREATER DANGER APPROACHES.

FOLLOW YOU HEART, LITTLE BIRD.

GO WHERE YOU WINGS TAKE YOU.

DO NOT FEAR THE WOLF -- HE IS YOUR FRIEND -- BEWARE THE SNAKE, FOR LIKE THAT OLE SERPENT IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN, HE BE BRINGIN' ABOUT THE FALL.

HELP IS COMIN', CHILD.

Hmm... SO
THAS DANNY'S
RAP -- HE AIN'T
SUCH A TOUGH
GUY. JOY-RIDIN',
VANDALISM --
BIG, DEAL,
JOSE.

LESSEE
WHAS IN
HERE.

MORE
PHOTOS...

##\$%!
NO! IT
CAN'T
BE!

NO
WAY!

MOTHER
OF GOD!

HE
COULDN'T
BE... COULD
HE?

##\$%!!

THERE'S
ONLY ONE
WAY TO FIND
OUT THAT
TRUTH!

I PROMISE
MYSELF I NEVER
SEE HER
AGAIN!

BUT
SHE'S THE
ONLY ONE WHO
CAN TELL
ME...

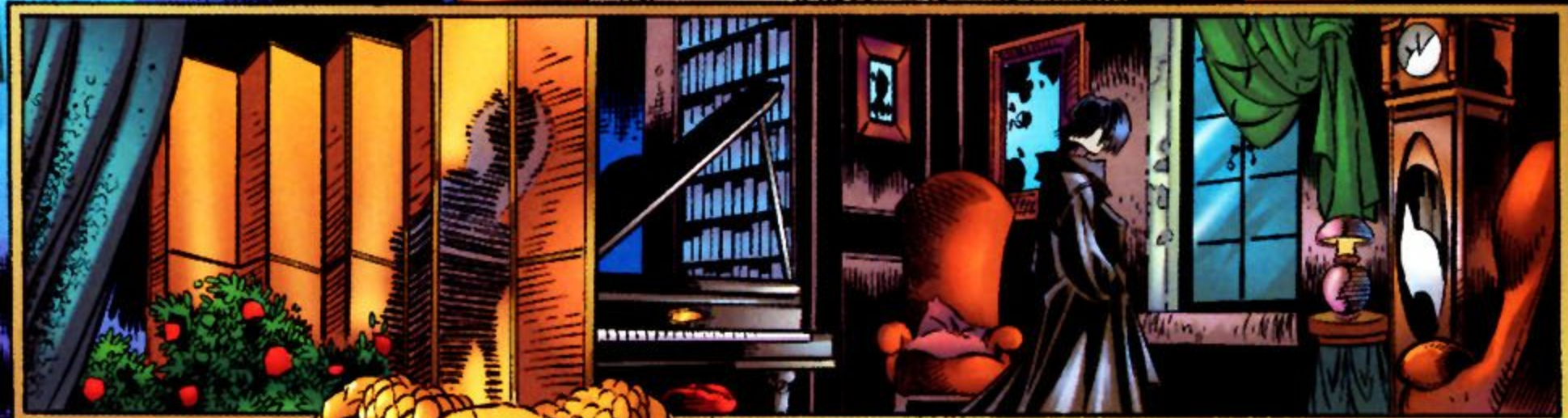
SCREW
THE CURFEW!
I NEED TO
KNOW
NOW.

THIS
CHANGE
EVERY-
THING!

KODAK



I MUST GET
OUT OF
HERE.
GALLOWS
IS THE ONLY
ONE WE CAN
TRUST.



WHAT
DO YOU
THINK?



I --
WONDERFUL!
YOU
LOOK LIKE
YOU'RE READY
TO GO OUT AND
CONQUER THE
WORLD.
PERHAPS.



YOU
CAN HAVE
ANYTHING YOU
WANT -- IF
YOU JOIN
ME.

I CAN
HAVE ANY-
THING I WANT --
I'LL TAKE
WHAT I
PLEASE.

OF
COURSE.





WHERE'S OBLIVIA? I NEED TO TALK TO HER.

SHE'S GONE.

GONE? GONE WHERE?

IT DOESN'T MATTER.

IT'S ALL OVER.

WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT, MCCARTY?



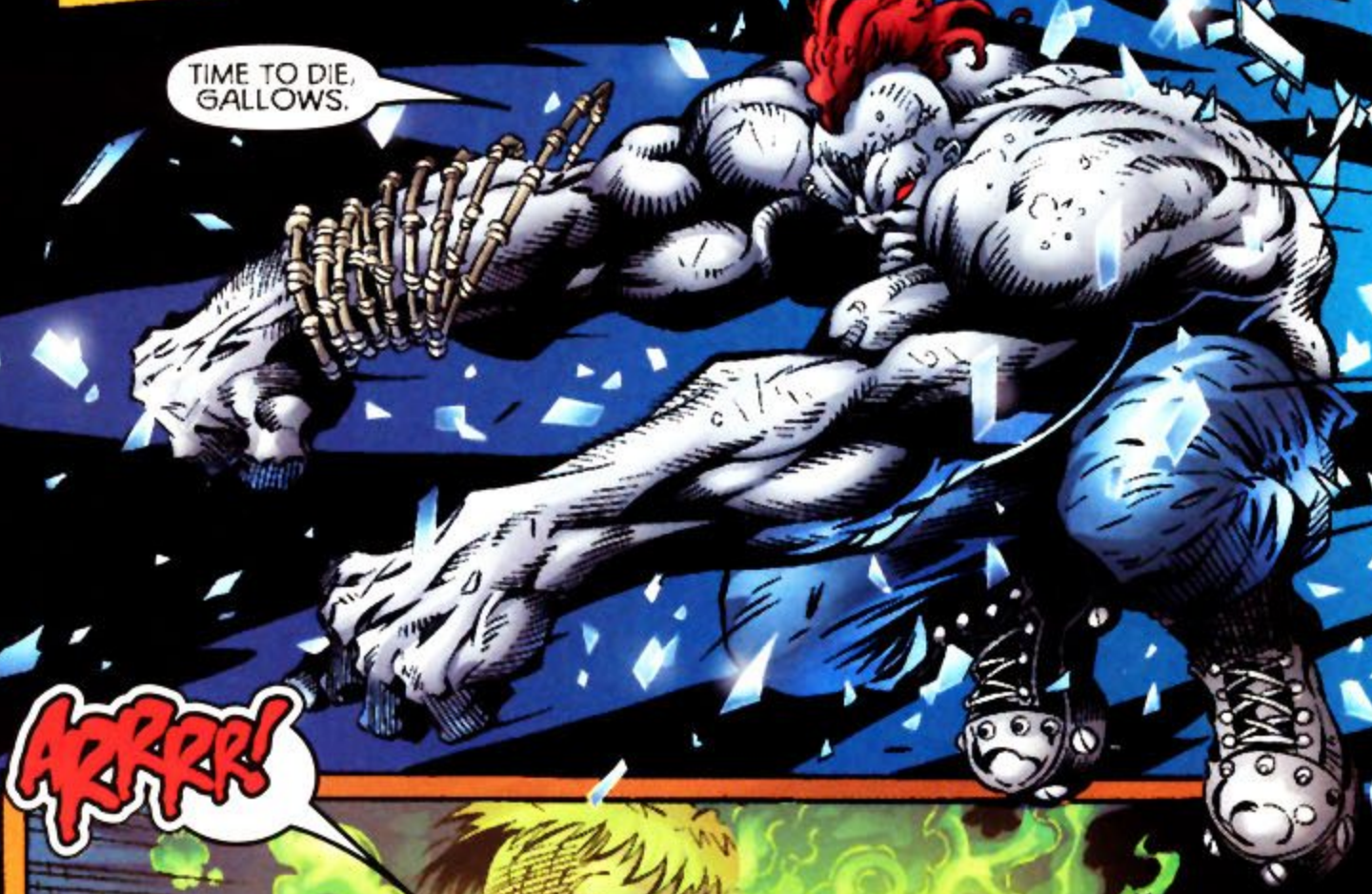
IT'S OVER FOR ALL OF YOU!

DANNY! JESUS! NO!



MORGAN... HELP... ME...

AAAAAEE



TIME TO DIE, GALLOWS.

ARRRR!



YOU!





YES!!

WHAAM

SWAASH

BURNZZ
LET ME
OUT

WAAAAA

Nooo!

FIGHT
HER,
DANNY!



MEANWHILE, UP
IN THE HILLS...

HOLLYW

SO
YOU AGREE? --
YOU WILL HELP
ME DESTROY MY
ENEMIES?

YES.

SNAKE!
CAN SHE
SEE HIM FOR
WHAT HE
IS?

GALLWS
GOT A LOTTA
EXPLAININ'
TA DO!

WHOMMP

Huh?



NO
MORE
KILLIN'!

WELCOME
TO YOUR FUNERAL,
YOU HUNK OF
DEAD MEAT!

AAAAOOWW!

NEXT:
HEXAGRAM#6
CONFLICT

Are You Ready To ROCK!

WHEN THE FINAL
CURTAIN FALLS,
THE ENCORE IS
MURDER.

Chastity

ROCKED

#1 (OF 4)

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flashback filled with
fun, punks, rock "n" Rap,
big hair, heartbreak, and
the problem of trying to
audition for Broadway
when you're battling
yakuza vampires!

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IN
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CHASTITY: ROCKED #1 ships with three different
"Trinity" covers by series artist **JUSTINIANO** that form
one awesome image when joined together!

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I'm takin' over this joint.
BAY-BEE!



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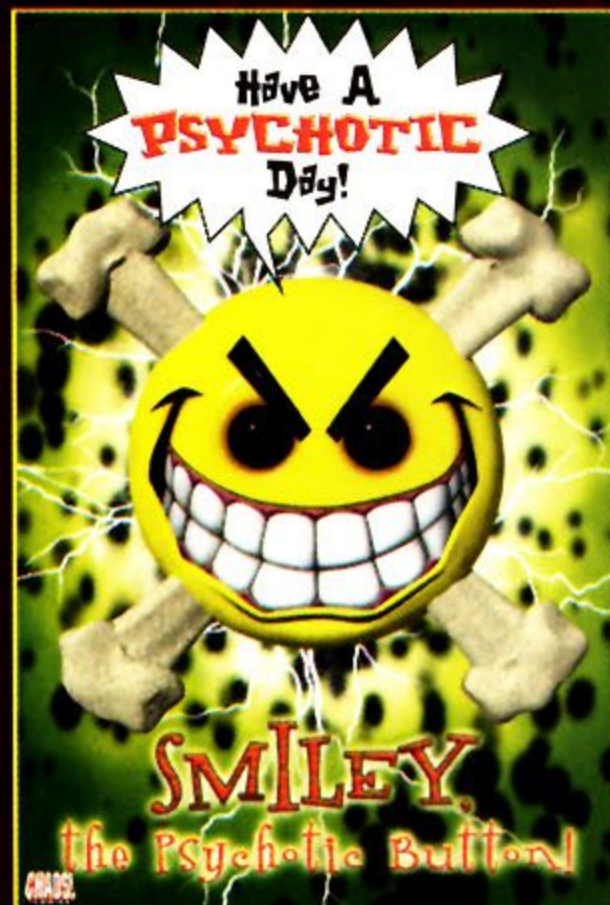
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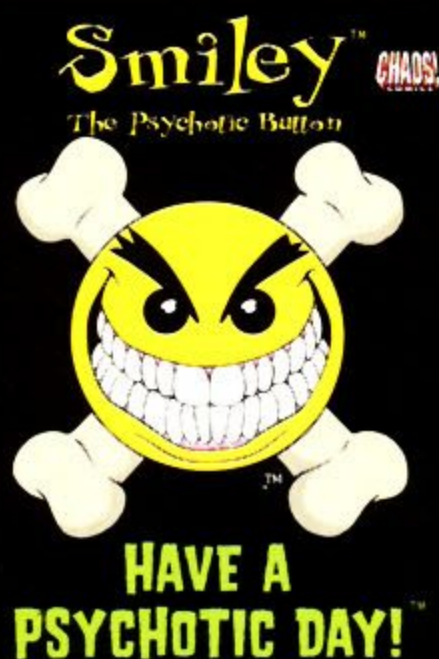
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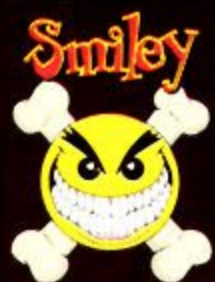
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DAY

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"How do you create a character?"

It's a question I'm often asked, and there are many answers. Most of the characters in my personal fiction come from my subconscious, dreams, conversations overheard. Working with Brian Pulido within the Chaos! Cosmos is a nice change of pace since he's a constant fountain of inspiration, and is continually coming up with ideas for new heroes and villains. But when it came to developing the characters who appear in *The Omen* we decided to take a different approach.

Brian gave me the basic rundown on who Gallows, Voodoo Child, Vex, Rip, etc. were. Using his notes, I launched into an unusual method to bring them to full life. I also used this approach in building the plot.

The Omen is about visions of the future, of the Armageddon to come. We knew the series had to start with Gallows' premonition (the omen of the title). Since we were going to be dealing with certain mystical themes, I decided to use astrology, the Tarot, and the I Ching, the ancient Chinese book of changes, to aid me.

First, I consulted *The Secret Language of Birthdays*, randomly choosing birth dates for our cast. Amazingly, many of the characteristics connected with those dates perfectly fit the characters! Then I did Tarot card readings for each person as a springboard for their development. Again, unbelievably, many details matched what we had in mind. Finally, to map out the plot, I used the I Ching to give shape to each issue. And lightning struck for

a third time! The Hexagrams drawn up mirrored my narrative instincts, and *The Omen* began to materialize in front of us, ready to make its presence felt in the cosmos.

Next month I'll explain how the I Ching works and the effect it had on the series plot.

Sworn to the black



— Phil Nutman

DEAR CHAOS!

I am a 31 year-old comic freak and I want to praise you for such an awesome book. I am also a recovering addict, 18 months clean. I commend you for having a character who is an addict who might be the "Chosen" to save the world. Addiction and abuse are two subjects the media tend to stay away from. Your comics have saved my life by giving me something to focus on.

Thank you.

— Charles Powers.

Congratulations on your recovery and staying clean, Charles, and thanks for the great compliment. Storytelling is about more than pure escapism, and we'll never shy away from dealing with real life issues. The great thing about the horror and fantasy genres is they allow a writer the opportunity to deal with those issues without preaching. If we don't face unpleasant truths, how can we hope to overcome them?

DEAR CHAOS!

The Omen is a massive success and is shaping up to be one of the most important storylines in comics this year.

But what I want to know is, what role will Bedlam play in all this?

Fiend Forever.

— Robbie Sullins.

Bedlam won't feature in the current Omen mini-series, but he will have an important part to play in next year's Armageddon epic.



Vex has aligned herself with The Savior. Still weak from his wounds, Gallows must depend on Carcass and Voodoo Child to free Rip from Serendipity's control. But the big question is -- where is Oblivia?

Get Vexed!

Spotlighting the beautiful, other-worldly Vex, the most mysterious and dangerous member of The Chosen, *Vexed* further investigates the visions of Armageddon currently plaguing various characters in the Chaos! Cosmos. Something potentially catastrophic is happening and threatens to unravel the Armageddon Prophecy. Drawn into this deadly web are Evil Ernie, Lady Death and Purgatori.

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The IMPENDING CHAOS!

#10



YOUR MONTHLY NEWS SOURCE ON ALL THINGS CHAOS! - JULY '98

From The Crypt

There's an inevitable question I'm asked when people who meet me learn I'm a horror writer. It's that old chestnut: *why do you write that horrible, scary, violent stuff?*

It took me a few years and some deep soul searching to find the true answer to that, but the answer is: I explore the darkness to help define the light.

I'm drawn to the minds and characters of those who commit terrible acts and experience horrific extremes in an attempt to understand why and how we, as human beings, are the most destructive species on this fragile planet we live on. It's about trying to find some order in a Chaotic! universe.

So, beyond having known the Fiend among Fiends, Chaos! President Publisher Brian Pulido, for years, I suppose it was inevitable I'd end up turning my nefarious talents to his creations.

If you've read the epic **Evil Ernie: Destroyer**, you're aware of just how deep and dark I'm prepared to go. And now, if you're reading **The Omen**, you're discovering how I love to delve into the nature of visions and dreams -- especially of the apocalyptic variety.

In the Chaos! Universe, the Armageddon clock is now ticking steadily as we count down to the end of the Millennium. There's a big, voracious black cloud on the horizon and no one -- neither anti-hero nor villain -- will be spared the onslaught to come.

Whilst it deals with a group of supernaturally-talented, challenged teens, **The Omen** is not a "team" book. It's not *The Uncanny X-Men*. The Omen of the title pertains to werewolf Morgan Gallow's vision of Armageddon. And in the coming months you'll learn that the other characters -- Vex, Voodoo Child, Carcass, Oblivia, and Rip -- will tap into that vision, too. But which one of them is The Chosen?

The Omen is a contrast to the unrelentingly grim annihilation and mutilating mayhem of **Destroyer**, but it's its own dark, savage breed of Chaos!. As I've always been obsessed with end-of-the-world stories, I hope my passion for the material is infectious -- and judging by reader response, I've struck a nerve. I've grown to love **The Omen's** characters, and they're becoming firm favorites to write.

But I've got the best of both worlds right now. As I plot the dire dynamics of **The Omen's** narrative I'm also knee-deep in the pop cultural pleasures of penning **Chastity: Rocked**.

Ahh...Chastity -- my favorite Chaos! character. And what a thrill it is to write her next mini-series! As if the end of the world as we know it weren't enough fun, I get to play in 1980's New York City with my favorite vampire assassin and go up against the Yakuza, supernatural samurai, undead ninjas, and the mysterious, alluring Japanese vampiress, Jade!

But that's just the beginning. Wait until you see what we have in store for you in 1999!

Dwelling in Darkness,

Philip Nutman

- Philip Nutman

The Low Down

Chaos! To Come Renamed

In the long standing tradition of keeping everything here at Chaos! fresh and on the cutting edge, **THE CHAOS! TO COME** has been officially renamed **IMPENDING CHAOS!** It will still be the place to catch up on what's going on around the Chaos! cosmos and the Chaos! scene. It's the same great news that you're used to, but now with a clean pine scent.

THE OMEN DEAD KING Trades Coming

Just in time for the holidays come these ultra-cool compilations of the hit **Omen** and **Dead King** series. If you missed these sold-out issues in the stores, then you won't want to be left out again.

The **Omen** chronicles the adventures of the supernaturally-talented teens Vex, Voodoo Child, Rip, Carcass, and Oblivia as they try to save humanity from Armageddon. Written by Phil Nutman and illustrated by Justiniano, this must have book collects all five issues, the text from the **Omen** preview book, and a cover gallery of the six hard to find **Omen** #1 variants.

The **Dead King** tells the tale of Homicide and his bloody path to glory. All four blood-soaked issues are collected into one volume for your morbid pleasure. Written by legendary bad boy author Hart Fisher and illustrated by David Brewer, this bizarre story has more gruesome twists and turns than the **Kevorkian Family Reunion**. Who will be **Dead King**? Find out!

Chaos! Website Update Debuts

Just in time for Wizard Con, Chaos! proudly unveils our new and improved web site (which now contains a full day's supply of darkness in each serving). Check out www.chaoscomics.com the weekend of July 17-19 to see all the cool new stuff including up-to-date products available from Chaos! and the spiffy Countdown to Armageddon Clock displaying the exact time remaining until Armageddon hits the Chaos! cosmos.

Chastity® Set To Rock In October

Comics hottest vampire assassin is set to kick off her newest four issue mini-series in October. Written by Phil (The Omen) Nutman and illustrated by Justiniano, **Rocked** reveals what happened when Chastity and Jade first squared off in New York in 1980. And as if the storyline wasn't cool enough, issue one will ship with three different covers by Justiniano which combine to form one image! We call them the "Trinity" covers, and they feature Chastity, Jade, and the supernatural Yakuza. Let your local comic store know ahead of time that you want all three covers, so you don't get shut out. Tell them that yakuza vampires sent you!

Fiend Club Membership Surpasses 3000

The Evil Ernie/Lady Death Fiend Club recently passed the three thousand member mark, and continues to add new members at record pace. Don't miss out on cool Fiend Club exclusives and privileges, such as the 'members only' section of our web site. The cost is only \$25 for the first year, and includes a cool Fiend Club T-Shirt, an Evil Ernie 1/2 signed by

Brian Pulido, pins, stickers, membership card, and other assorted goodies. Members also receive a ten percent discount on all Collector's Corner orders. Don't be the last person on your block to sign up! Join the Fiend Club by calling (888) CHAOS13 Ext. 556 and stop missing out on the fun!

Illustrious Potentate Named

We're not really sure what the title means, but Steve Eckart has been named as Chaos! Illustrious Potentate. And while we can only guess as to what Steve does while hidden in the corner over there (and what's up with those grinding metal noises?), we're sure he is doing a fantastic job. Rumor has it that Steve will also be assuming the role of Fiend Club Coordinator. Keep up the good work Steve!

Halloween Bash News

Hey Fiends, the annual mega-event of all things Chaos! is approaching! This year's **Fiend Bash** will be in San Antonio and is tentatively scheduled for October 23-24. Keep your eyes and ears peeled for more news coming your way about this event. Anyone who has attended in the past will tell you that this is one party not to be missed. Hey, has anyone seen my Purgatori mask?

Haben Sie EVIL ERNIE® Gesehen?

Chaos! is now poised to conquer the world! Evil Ernie recently made his German language edition and was immediately among that country's top selling comics, and initial orders for the French language version were even higher. With Japanese, Italian, and Spanish versions also in the works, can total global domination be far behind? Remember, we have ways of making you read!

Supernaturals On The Way

Chaos! Comics president and creator Brian Pulido has teamed with Marvel Comics to write **The Supernaturals**, a four issue arc produced under the Marvel banner. This eagerly anticipated series will ship weekly during October and pits Marvel characters Ghost Rider, Dr. Strange, Werewolf by Night, Gargoyle, Santana, Black Cat, Brother Voodoo, and Jack O' Lantern against classic monsters such as Dracula and Frankenstein's monster. As an added bonus, Pulido plans on resurrecting some of the old Marvel/Atlas era creatures such as Shagg, Gorgolla, Tragg and Titan. Be sure to haunt your local comic stores in October so that you can scare up these monster hits!

Upcoming Online Chats

Hey Chaos! fanatics, surf your way over to chatroom@chaoscomics.com for these chats. They take place at 9:00pm EST. You need to have Netscape to participate.

AUGUST

4th DAVID QUINN Topic - Purgatori
11th PHIL NUTMAN Topic - Evil Ernie

Check our web site early and often for more special events!

Quick News

Evil Ernie vs. the Super Heroes is looking like a super hit -- look for it next month. You will be Purgatori's this September! Look for another Chastity series early next year. The Goddess Wars love/hate revenge match is on this October...Lady Death vs. Purgatori -- Let's get ready to rumble! Pre-order now! Big changes are on the way for ol' Evil Ernie. Stay tuned... The Chaos! Action Figure line wins yet another award- this time the Diamond Gem Award for best action figure line of 1997. Don't miss the Steven Hughes Portfolio featuring eight pieces of Steven Hughes' art -- coming this fall just in time for the holidays. Speaking of the holidays, keep an eye out for the Smiley Christmas Special. Ho ho ho, boss!

The Chaos! To Come Checklist

Need more Chaos! in your life? Let your local comic store owner know and ask them to reserve your copies. Most comic stores offer a subscription service -- Just ask!

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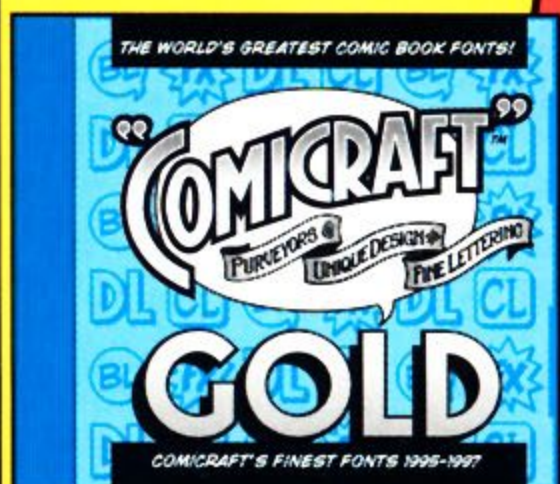
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